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## **Application for Council's Vacant Seat Begins January 7**

City Council will take applications 8 a.m. Monday, Jan. 7 - 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 18, for the General D seat left vacant following Thomas Bieker's Nov. 2 resignation. Whoever is appointed will serve the remainder of the term, which ends in April 2015.

<u>Applications can be downloaded</u> from www.springfieldmo.gov, but must be submitted in person to the City Clerk's Office (Busch Municipal Building 4th Floor) during regular business hours 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. in order for the candidate to sign an affidavit attesting to their qualifications.

City Charter section 2.5 states that vacancies will be filled with a majority City Council vote and the appointee will serve in the position until the next regular city election.

Mayor Bob Stephens said the process will be similar to the one used previously to fill vacancies. City Council will meet to discuss applications submitted and select finalists for in-person interviews.

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